



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND
DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

December 13, 2005

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WASHINGTON, DC 20005
US

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10539774 in the amount of \$500.00 has been denied.

Small entity status fee not refundable. The time has expired for the refund of this fee. A refund based on establishment of small entity status may only be obtained if a verified statement under 37 CFR 1.27 and a request for the refund of excess amount are filed within three months of timely payment of the full fee (37 CFR 1.28).

Sincerely,

RITA WHITE
PCT - National
703 308-9140 x231



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PATENT

Docket No.: 1831.1004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Detlef GERHARD et al.

Serial No. 10/539,774

Group Art Unit: To be assigned

Confirmation No.

Filed: June 20, 2005

Examiner: To be assigned

For: GRIPPER AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

On June 20, 2005, Applicants entered the US national stage for international application of PCT/DE2003/003987. A copy of the transmittal letter is enclosed.

As should be apparent, Applicants paid the large entity fees. However, Applicants claim small entity status. The fees should be reduced by one half. An additional copy of the transmittal letter, annotated to show the corrections, is enclosed.

Because of the small entity status, \$500.00 should have been paid. It is respectfully requested that the amount of overpayment, \$500.00 (\$1000.00 - \$500.00) be credited to Staas & Halsey Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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 FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 12-2004)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 1831.1004
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE2003/003987	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 4, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 19, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION GRIPPER AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE SAME		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Detlef GERHARD et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: First page of published International Application; International Search Report; International Preliminary Examination Report. 		

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:				APPLICANT USE	OFFICE USE ONLY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic National Fee \$300.00				\$300.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination Fee \$200.00				\$200.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search Fee \$600.00				\$500.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00				\$1,000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each addition 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Rate		
* - 100 =	*/50=		X 250.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	
Total claims	8- 20 =	0	X \$50.00	\$	
Independent claims	2- 3 =	0	X \$200.00	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$360.00	\$
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$ 500	
SUBTOTAL =				\$1,000.00 500	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$1,000.00 500	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+ \$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$1,000.00 500	
Amount to be refunded:				\$	
Amount to be charged:				\$	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Staas & Halsey LLP 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 700 Washington, DC 20005					
<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mark J. Henry</i></p> <p>SIGNATURE Mark J. Henry NAME 36,102 REGISTRATION NUMBER</p>					